Principal Book Awards
Well done boys and girls for excellent book work this past fortnight.

Vaea Kaufononga Tahlia Siaosi Sua
Caleb Doble Yar Deng
Cyrus McGill Ethan Tonks
Evelyn Bogaz Roevin David
Jamil Anaya Benjimen Moore
Toby Ostric Jayden Chua
Samuel Apilado Aleyna Salmon
Lukus Faokula Cindy Myathit
Logan Cross Brinlee Smith
Jemima Gewargis David Scott
Jayden Reddy Earvin Reyes

Merit Awards
Excellent application to all areas of school work goes to the following children.

Brayden Beesley-Lowings Jacob Gale
Krishaant Prasad Faleti Sakaio
Biar Deng Allan Wright
Azariah Sharma Ben Moore
Ryan Van Dyk Kamren Reddy
Lilley Gotts Ciara Nadan
Deng Deng Jordan Klessattel
Brooke Smith Riley Gundy
Alyse McCutchen Blake Schofield
Jonelle Betham Freya Howsen

Habits of Mind Award- Thinking about Thinking- be aware of your own thoughts, feelings, intentions and actions. Knowing what I do and say affects others. Willing to consider the impact of choices of myself and others.

The Habits of Mind are an identified set of 16 problem solving, life related skills, necessary to effectively operate in society and promote strategic reasoning, insightfulness, perseverance, creativity and craftsmanship.

Ethan Tonks Taleah Stocker
Simon Charles Malcolm Bagust
Julia Gewargis Emily Tatlock
Mason Fidler-Price Yathushan Muraleetharan
Justin Christensen Farida Zaheer

STAR Awards
For demonstrating the values of our school the following students show that they are aware of Safety, the importance of Teamwork, Aiming High in their aspirations and show Respect to members of the school.

Summer Adams Magrace Fahina
Tamia Berroa Om Patel
Javeesh Bhalla Addison Marsh
Kyle Yap Hayley Moore
Amelia Ektoros Tyarn Lees
Adon Kosta Reniel Guzman
Michael Bratcher Thomas Darley
Catherine Bettridge Laylah Brown
Halil Bitiktas Tom Bogaz
Michael Duong Zachary Arcilla
Michael Williams Emily Tatlock
Toetu Tunupopo Ryshaanth Narayanan
Yathushan Muraleetharan Amity Darley
Aleyna Salmon Tahlia Leineweber
Alana Phan Sala Taulaga
Jezelle Camacho Caylin Strong
Fanar Yacoub Caitlin Carriglio
Helen Matini Earvin Reyes
Polixeni Papafilopoulos Jolie Sana
Princess Marcos
End of Year Financial Accounts
Please finalise your 2015 financial accounts with the school as the year comes to an end. Accounts for text books, excursions, learning programs and the contribution fees both for K-6 and Preschool are required. The school needs to reimburse its costs especially for the text books and on-line learning fees. Please see Mrs Ektoros to make arrangements for the final payments. Some families owe the school considerable amounts and have arranged a part payment plan.

Canteen survey
At the end of this newsletter there will be a survey regarding the school canteen. Your contributions will help guide the service and products available for your children in 2016. Thank you for your interest.

School and Cawarra St Car Park.
Several parents have expressed a deep concern over the standard of parking, reversing and driving into and out of the Cawarra St car park. The parents indicated that on numerous occasions, children have nearly been hit by careless parents. Blacktown Council has been notified and they will be sending parking patrol officers to the car park.

On an additional note, the school's supply of new air conditioner filters were destroyed last week by a careless parent who drove over the boxes left on the ground next to the delivery van. The number of incidents like this, which includes unwarranted or uninvited vehicles entering and exiting the school car park, speeding along the access lane, vehicles almost hitting children in the car park and hostile altercations between parents, has led me to seriously consider withdrawing all car parking permits so that in 2016 there will be no access. The gate will be locked and access to the school will only be through the Cawarra St car park.

2016 classes
As reported at last week's P&C Meeting, the plan for classes is as follows:-
Three Kindergarten classes
Two Year One classes
One Year Two class
One Year Three class
Two Year 3/4 classes
One Year 4/5 class
Two Year 5/6 classes

It may be required that the classes are reorganised early next year to cater for an additional class as the enrolment numbers are high already.

P&C News
Uniform Shop – New Opening Hours
Monday: 8.30-9.15am
Tuesday: 2.30-3pm
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 2.30-3pm
Friday: 8.30-9.15am
For all inquiries, please contact Michelle on 0403844962- next P&C meeting is on Nov 25 at 3.15pm.

The last school banking opportunity will be Friday Dec 11th which is next Friday.

The P&C together with the school is sponsoring a special Christmas concert evening put on by the musicians from The Music Bus. The date will be Friday 11th December starting at 6.00pm and ending at 8.30pm. The P&C is putting on a bbq and the there will be drinks, show bags and Xmas ornaments for sale as well. Please bring chairs and blankets and a picnic basket. The venue will either be in the COLA area or the hall, depending on the weather.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Costings and confirmations have been completed and we are happy to announce that the Year 6 farewell dinner has been booked for Tuesday December 15th, and will be held at the Blacktown Function Centre, 47-49 Balmoral St, Blacktown. The function centre is immediately behind the Greek Orthodox Church and there is ample off-street parking for parents.

This venue is much larger than the venue from last year, and the children have also made changes to the menu so we are looking forward to comparing the two events! Year 5 and Year 6 students will be required to arrive at 6.00pm, to be seated by 6.10pm for dinner. This year the cost for the Year 5 students will be $38.00 (this covers dinner and entertainment) and the Year 6 students have had their costs covered by the P & C. (A huge ‘Thank you’ from the Year 6 students!)

Students will be supervised at all times by staff members of Eastern Creek Public School while at the venue. The students have been asked to dress in age appropriate smart casual or semi-formal clothing appropriate for a Year Six farewell dinner party. Jewellery may be worn but it is important that footwear is comfortable enough for the students to dance in. To avoid injury, we ask that parents do not allow their child to wear thong style footwear or shoes with high heels.

We also need to remind our invited guests that this event is not a formal and we encourage parents not to go to the expense of formal attire or hire vehicles. The students will have many opportunities for formals in
high school. There are some lovely outfits in Target, Myer and Kmart that are reasonably priced and would be perfect if your child does not already own suitable attire.

We will be inviting Year 6 parents to return at 8.15pm to be seated in readiness for the graduation ceremony of the Year 6 students. The function will conclude at 9.00pm and we have been asked to clear the venue promptly. As usual, parents of Year 5 students will need to collect them from inside the venue at this time, as no student will be permitted to leave the function room without an adult.

Mrs Roseman, Mrs Gorges, Mrs van Wyk

District PSSA Sports Medal
Nicole Chua and Aaron Cazier were voted by the Mt Druitt Minchinbury PSSSA sports champion from Eastern Creek PS and received medallions last week. Congratulations these two fine students.

For your information:-

Before and After School Care
Families in our school have one provider available for before and after school care.
It is: "St Anthony's Early Learning Centre" at 46-48 Eskdale St, Minchinbury. The telephone number is 9832 7477.

School Tennis lessons
Mr Elton Stoney, the school's tennis coach, is available for lessons both private and group and can be contacted on- 0412 122 976. Currently lessons are on Friday morning only Places are available for two sessions 8.00 and 8.30 at $7 a session.

J & E Piano Music Centre
Some of our children participate in keyboard lessons during the week and are instructed by trained teachers of piano and keyboard. Keyboards are provided for the children to use. If you would like your child to participate Please ring Johnny Young on 9651 4892 or 0411 884408.

J&E students are putting on a mini concert at the next school assembly- 27th November.

Busways Blacktown Timetable Changes
We have been advised that there may be changes to the current school or public route services. Please visit the website at www.busways.com.au to see how the changes may affect you.

The Music Bus
If you are interested in your child learning drums, guitar or singing, please contact Kristy
Ph.: 1300 168 742

Fax: (02) 9527 0631
P.O. Box 2675, Taren Point NSW 2229
www.themusicbus.com.au

Taekwondo Classes
David Adlam, from Nepean Wolves Taekwondo instructs Taekwondo classes on Friday afternoon. If you are interested in your children participating in the class please
Contact David on - Tel:47513494
Mobile:0408609464
Email:nwtkd@exemail.com.au
Website: nwtkd.com.au

Western Sydney Speech Pathology
Western Sydney Speech Pathology is able to offer Speech Pathology Services at Eastern Creek Public School. Doctor referrals are not necessary. Appointments are essential. To make an appointment or enquire about our services call our office on 9622 1616. Any of our therapists Julie, Georgina, Annemarie or Celine will be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have.

Bayliss Hardware
For all of your handy hardware needs
Shop 9-11 Rooty Hill Plaza
Rooty Hill Rd North
Rooty Hill NSW 2766 9625 8549

St Alban's Church
St Alban's church runs ESL programs for people in our community twice weekly.
Sandy Galea
St Alban's MBM Children's Minister
ph: 0432 592 949
sandy@mbm.org.au
www.mbm.org.au
MBM Kid’s Vision: Transforming kid's lives through Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

Family Referral Service
Did you know that the Family Referral Service is located at Westfield Mt Druitt above Goldmark Jewellers? The service is free and has computers, photocopiers and fax machines available to assist students to complete homework. They provide information for children, young people and their families about a range of services in our local area. The store is open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.30pm and located near the Dawson Mall exit. Look out for the bright green sign and pop in to see if there is some way they can assist your family.

Eastern Creek Public School
150 Year Celebration
Mrs Michelle O'Toole, President of the P&C has set up a Facebook page for the 150th celebration.
The link is:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eastern-Creek-Public-School-150th-Birthday-Celebration/420861321415896

Busways School Free Travel Scheme (SSTS)
Please read the accompanying letter as it tells us that there are several changes made to the system.

Student Absences
A reminder to parents that a note or a phone call to the office to explain why their child is absent from school is important. The School Liaison Officer made it clear that it is mandatory for parents to do this.

Change of Clothes
Could parents please send in a spare change of clothes if your child is likely to wet their pants at school? We have a limited supply of clothes in the office (particularly winter clothes) in case of accidents but many are not returned.

School App
To connect with the school App use the web portal http://www.myauschools.com Eastern Creek Public School. The username is community and the password is easternckps.

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Wes Chia
Principal
Canteen Survey - please return to office

-1 What suggestions can you give for additional items to the canteen menu-needs to be healthy and nutritious?

-2 Comment on the service provided by the canteen - Currently the canteen operates five days per week and is opened for all sessions.

-3 How could the canteen facility be improved to better meet your expectations of a nutritious and healthy food vendor for your children?

-4 How important to you is the price of the menu items? For example seasonal fruit cannot be offered all year as the price varies or, seafood is a healthy alternative but the cost is expensive.

-5 How important to you is friendly and courteous service?

-6 Is a breakfast menu important for your child and would you take advantage of such a service?

-7 Any other comments?